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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MALI'S POSITION ON THE POLISARIO

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1. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST MALI'S ALLIANCE WITH MODERATE AFRICAN STATES, AT THE RECENT OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING, TO BLOCK RECOGNITION OF THE POLISARIO. IN THE PAST, MALI USUALLY JOINED THE RADICAL GROUP LED BY ALGERIA. FURTHER, MALI HAS FAVORED EVENTUAL SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE SAHARAN PEOPLE, AND MALI'S OFFICIAL DAILY ESSOR HAS HEADLINED ALGERIAN AND TANZANIAN PRESS ATTACKS ON MOROCCO.

2. AT THE OAU MEETING, HOWEVER, SEVERAL FACTORS MAY HAVE FORCED MALI OUT OF THE RADICAL RANKS. FIRST, MALI WANTS TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITHIN THE SENEGAL RIVER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (OMVS) OF WHICH SENEGAL AND MAURITANIA ARE THE OTHER MEMBERS. SECOND, MALI MAY BE REACTING AGAINST THE POLISARIO'S

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INCURSIONS INTO MALI'S NORTHERN REGION (WHERE ALGERIA,

MALI, AND MAURITANIA MEET). FINALLY, MALI MUST HAVE  
CONCLUDED THAT RECOGNITION OF THE POLISARIO WOULD ONLY  
HEIGHTEN THE SAHARAN CONFLICT. AS MALI'S FOREIGN  
MINISTER CISSOKHO NOTED, ON RETURN FROM A MID-FEBRUARY  
VISIT TO THE STATES INVOLVED, MALI'S PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE  
IS TO SEE PEACE RESTORED TO THIS REGION.  
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